Subject: Coin or jeton?

McNamara, Edward J.

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COPY OF CARBON

Original Carbon sent to Mr. McNamara June 22nd, 1920

June 12th, 1920

Mr. Edward J. McNamara
1924 Frick Building
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Sir:

Will you allow me first to apologize for the delay in replying to your letter of April 15th. In some way it got mislaid. The pieee you enclose is not coin but jeton or small medal. These pieces were issued in the 17th and 18th century in enormous quantities, commem orating events of the day and were generally used as counters in games somewhat as poker chips are now used. They have no especial value except when in absolutely unworn condition, and even then are not worth very much.

Very truly yours,

Assistant to Curator

W/E

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My dear Sir:

While I was at lunch today, a telephone message was received at this office in regard to your coin mailed to us on April 15th. This was received here just as our Curator, Mr. Wood, was preparing to leave for Europe, and in transferring his correspondence to me some few letters were mislaid and only came to light some ten days ago.

On June 12th I wrote you a letter, the carbon of which I enclose, and this letter with the piece was mailed that day. I gave instructions to our janitor to have the letter registered but find that he has no receipt for it, and I am afraid he neglected to carry out my instructions and the letter was sent by ordinary first class post. I trust that it has reached you safely by now because, although the piece is not valuable in the coin market, the manner in which you secured it of course gives it a value to you as a souvenir.

Very truly yours,

Assistant to Curator

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